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FULBRIGHT-HAYS DOCTORAL DISSERTATION STUDENT JUDITH E. TUCKER PROPOSES STUDY OF WOMEN AND THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN EGYPT: A HISTORY OF DECREASING PARTICIPATION. STUDY WILL BE HISTORICAL COVERING PERIOD 1800 TO 1930. RESEARCH WILL TEST HYPOTHESIS THAT DECREASE IN TRADITIONAL ARTISAN ACTIVITY CAUSED BY INFLUX FOREIGN CAPITAL RESULTED IN DECREASE WOMEN'S ROLE AS ECONOMIC PRODUCER AND CONSEQUENT DECREASE WOMEN'S ROLE IN SOCIETY AT LARGE. STUDY WILL ALSO
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SURVEY THE RISE OF EARLY INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY IN EGYPT IN

MOST SIGNIFICANT SECTOR. STUDY WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE
TO WHAT EXTENT WOMEN WERE PRESENT IN TEXTILE WORK FORCE,

WHAT TYPE JOBS THEY PERFORMED, AND AGE, MARITAL STATUS,
AND GEOGRAPHIC ORIGINS, IF POSSIBLE.

METHODOLOGY WILL BE ENTIRELY ARCHIVAL. STUDENT WILL CON-
DUCT RESEARCH IN FOREIGN OFFICE ARCHIVES, AND HEKEKYAN
PAPERS, LONDON; DOCUMENTS OF THE MINISTERE DES AFFAIRES
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